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Dear Bill:

Subject: London Emergency Coverage

I have your 28 February memorandum reacting to MOD's initial cut at a London Bureau emergency plan. As I'm sure you recall from your presence at MOD's creation, these plans, for all bureaus, have been a very long time gestating. Both [redacted] and his predecessor here, [redacted], have put a great deal of effort into them, and the end is almost in sight. As Chuck stated in his covering memo, feedback from the field is not only welcome but vital in making these papers worthwhile.

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As we tried to make clear, MOD intends these first cuts to serve only as guidelines, with details to be worked out as and when necessary by the bureaus most affected. I hope Okinawa will try to do that with London, Austria, and Panama, and I will see that those bureaus receive copies of this letter.

By way of background for your coordination, MOD tried to build the London plan around the following principles:

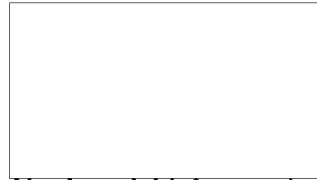
- . Plan for the worst case; then modify if it's better.
- . Retain as much Class A as possible.
- . Try to keep TASS English and Russian in the same place.
- . Save at a minimum World Service-English.
- . Try to save the pressfax.
- . Just plan for the present; crank modernized systems into the plan only when they are ready to go on line.

Of course the Moscow English could be concentrated at one bureau; MOD has no difficulty at all with that. The problem with TASS Russian (Cyrillic) is that as far as MOD knows it's no longer on HF radio, but must be taken either from landline or from satellite.

The Okinawa alumni in MOD are genuinely aware of your Russian monitor situation in all its infinite variety; we envisioned your people, plus the London reinforcements, plus the fax operation as supported by your techs as being just about the right mix over a 3-week to 3-month period. Please let us know if you can't work this out.

I really don't want to get too heavily into the communications plan, which properly isn't MOD's venue; however, rest assured that this first version was coordinated with Commo Branch.

Basically we wanted to give you something you can work from and can build on as necessary. Let's stay in touch on this; if we all keep at it we'll eventually get it right.



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